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December 12

1. Press reports ~~xxx~~ Department's/noon briefing ~~today~~ on

December 11 meeting speculate explicitly that substance of

meeting dealt with renewal of regular ambassadorial talks.

Reuters categorically reports Dept announced meeting was "to

discuss resumption of full-scale ambassadorial ~~xxx~~ talks".

AP says meeting "apparently" was to discuss resumption but

adds that McCloskey had ~~xxx~~ declined to discuss content.2. Embassy should, as soon as possible, ~~xxx~~ have Emboff deliver

copy of actual transcript of noon briefing (being sent septel)

to Chinese Embassy. Emboff should orally state this being

done to correct any possible misinterpretation by Chinese based

on wire service reports that Dept ~~xxx~~ spokesman violated

Ambassador Stoessel's agreement with Chinese charge to avoid

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any reference to substance of meeting. Emboff should state
he under instructions from Washington to emphasize that press
reports ~~XX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ were based completely on individual reporters
speculations. ~~XX~~
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3. Report any ChiCom reaction.

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